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Titusville Amateur Radio Club

TARC NEWSLETTER

September 1989

President's Corner

Well here we are in the midst of hurricane season and look who's headed our way –– ole mean and bad Hugo.

I know all of you will take whatever precautions are necessary to insure or maximize your family's well–being just in case we are paid a visit by Mister Hugo.

I would like to remind you to check and see that your supply of drinking water is adequate, that you have canned goods, non–perishables, etc. to tide you and your family over for a few days should a situation arise where you don't have good water and / or electricity. Check that you have a supply of medication, toilet supplies, candles, flashlight and fresh batteries. I don't mean to set off an alarm but we never know what might transpire.

On last week's Sunday morning 40 meter get–together, Bob (W2NCF) informed us that Lou (N2CTQ) lost his loving wife. Lou, our thoughts are with you in this great loss.

The Melbourne Hamfest was terrific. It was a real nice gathering and it was so good to see most of you down in Melbourne.

See you at the meeting this Tuesday.
73 – Bud

Featured Speaker for September Meeting

By Bob Nedimyer – W4VQB

The featured speaker for September is **Curt Jones** from the **Brevard County Sheriff's Department**. He will present a talk on the proposed county–wide 800 MHz communication system, including shortcomings of the present system and advantages of the new system. He will be aided with a representative from General Electric.

Upcoming Events

> **September 26**, October 24 – next TARC meetings, 7 p.m., JayCees Building on Singleton Ave.
> Every Thursday night – TARC Friendship Net, 7 p.m., 146.91 MHz (–600).
> 3rd Saturday of each month – SBARC / ARRL exams, 9:30 a.m. registration, FIT room Q22 in The Quad (under ham radio mast). For info call Jim Larson, home phone 768–1954 evenings.
> March 23–25, 1990 (tentative) – Orlando Hamcation, Orange County Civic Center (I–4, Exit 29).
> **October 20 – Deadline** for articles to be included in the October edition of the *TARC Newsletter*.

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Minutes of the August 22 Meeting

The meeting was called to order a 7:06pm by Bud (K4CWG). The minutes were read and accepted. Clyde (K4EOS) reported the treasury has $40.83 in petty cash and $264.84 in the checking account, this was accepted.

Les (K4SJC) said that he had told some of the city employees that the phone at the repeater site was not for long distance calls, they said they will pass it to the rest of the workers. Bud (K4CWG) brought up the hamfest that was in Shelby N.C. and the upcoming one in Melbourne. Les (K4SJC) reported that the repeater is still running about 50 watts and the lightning protection he had built is now installed. The logic board has been swapped one more time. Tom (N4KFP) is working on the one removed.

Bob (W4VQB) reported on some possible upcoming speakers. It was brought up that the club repay Wayne (KB4YLY) for the cost of printing the QSL cards that were used for the special event station. A motion was made and accepted to wait till the next meeting when hopefully more members will be present. Fred (K4ZS) told of the contact he had with Easter Island during the special event. The meeting adjourned at 7:41pm.

– Dennis / N4SDI

The Editer's Desk

With Hurricane Hugo *and* the newsletter deadline both breathing down my neck, I'm not absolutely sure where my priorities lie. I do know that I would rather face the perils of Hugo rather than the wrath of one upset TARC member. So we SHALL publish (HI)!

See **Desk** on back

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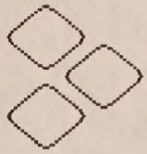

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Article / classified deadline is two Fridays prior to the date of the monthly meeting. The next deadline is **October 13**.

Articles may be given to the editor, Doug - N4QVY, at the IHOP on net nights, or left with Bud - K4CWG, where it will hopefully make its way to the aforementioned editor.

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Desk...
Thanks to Ed Reinert (N4TLS) for his prose on Field Day. If you haven't figured it out, Ed was out on his back that weekend and *not* at Draa Field.

The Melbourne Hamfest was nice, although a bit far to travel three days in a row. I finally got that Bencher paddle I've been looking for, and got rid of some stuff that I didn't need. The real money is in stationery, though. Bud's son's (Carl) friend (Elaine) had a better weekend selling markers and Post-It notepads than any of us!

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Another Field Day
By Ed Reinert – N4TLS

My hat is off to all of you
To those of you who made the crew
To the valiant crew who made the points
And left the field with aching joints

I wish I could have joined the pack
But I was left with an aching back
I guess it's part of getting old
At least that's what I have been told

I got my start a way back when
Back when you had to copy ten
Now those are called the good old days
And I miss those times in many ways

Back when tubes lit up the night
Back when money was real tight
Those were the days you built your rig
Transformers were heavy and really big

I guess that's why my back's this way
From toting that gear on another field day
On another day from the distant past
On a day we knew just could not last

Let's hear it loud for solid state
For it got rid of all that weight
Were things back then really all that great
Or did we just carry lots of weight